CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Picture 7381[33597].jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

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Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

The District Court at North Shore Applicant:

Classification: Objectionable.

None Descriptive note:

Display conditions: None

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Date of direction to issue No direction to issue a label has been issued

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Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image file has been downloaded from the internet. The image shows two naked girls in their early to mid-teenage years posing for the camera in a contrived display that shows buttocks and genitals and suggests a sexual act. The image is intended for sexual titillation and arousal. It invites viewers to see underage girls as ready for adult forms of sexual activity and encourages a sexual interest in young people.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.